

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Saint Mary of the Purification Montessori School in Houston on the occasion of its Founders Day celebration on September 10, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Founded as Saint Mary of the Purification School in 1930, the school was closed in 1967; it was reopened in 1980 as Saint Mary of the Purification Montessori School, the only African American Montessori School in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's Montessori School offers a faith-based educational program providing the Houston metropolitan area with an educational facility that, in a collaborative partnership with parents, nurtures the optimum spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and physical development of its students; and

WHEREAS, In the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, the school is accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Accreditation Commission and the Texas Education Agency through the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission; it is affiliated with the American Montessori Society, the Texas Association of Non-Public Schools, and the National Catholic Education Association of Science Teachers; and

WHEREAS, Among its outstanding alumni are former congressman Bill Archer, the late Houston mayor Jim McConn, Archbishop William J. Levada, recently named Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith by Pope Benedict XVI,

business entrepreneurs Rene Ferrel, Cynthia Ferrel, Alan Bergeron, Leslie Mays, and community activist Toni McElroy; and

WHEREAS, On Founders Day, September 10, 2005, the school will bring together religious, community, business, and political leaders with parishioners, teachers, alumni, and students to celebrate the rich past of the school and emphasize its significance in the Houston community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend those involved with Saint Mary of the Purification Montessori School and extend to all best wishes for a grand Founders Day event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 28, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate